AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Claims 1-6 (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) An environmentally friendly package comprising:

a compostable sheet material, said sheet material comprising a compostable substrate layer, having a first compostable and sealable layer on an inner first side of the substrate layer, and a second compostable and sealable layer overlying said first sealable layer on the inner side of the substrate layer;

wherein the package comprises first and second regions of sealing between sheets of <u>the</u> compostable material <u>in</u> which the material of the second sealable layer has a lower heat-sealing initiation temperature than the material of the first sealable layer, and

wherein said first region has ving a relatively high sealing strength, and said second region has ving a relatively low sealing strength.

- 8. (Cancelled)
- (Previously presented) The environmentally friendly
 package according to claim 7, wherein the package is a
 beverage making capsule that contains a beverage making
 ingredient.
- 10. (Previously presented) The environmentally friendly package according to claim 9, wherein the capsule further comprises a compostable filter sheet inside the capsule and bonded to an internal surface of the capsule.

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11. (Currently amended) A method of manufacture of an environmentally friendly package comprising the steps of:

providing a compostable sheet material comprising a compostable substrate layer, having a first compostable and sealable layer on an inner first side of the substrate layer, and a second compostable and sealable layer overlying said first sealable layer on the inner side of the substrate layer, wherein the material of the second sealable layer has a lower heat-sealing initiation temperature than the material of the first sealable layer; and placing two webs of the compostable sheet material together with the inner sealable layers in face-to-face relation; and

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sealing the webs together around a margin to form a package body, an area of said sheet material to form said package; wherein the step of sealing is carried out under a first set of conditions in a first region of said margin and under a second set of conditions different from said first set of conditions in a second region of said margin, at a first temperature in a first region of said margin, at a second temperature different from said first set of conditions in a second region of said area and at a second temperature different from said first set of conditions in a second region of said area;

whereby the peel strength of the resulting seal is different in said first and second regions.

- 12. (Cancelled)
- 13. (Canceled)

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